MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Nedumangad*): Will the Government be prepared to ask the Excise Commissioner to investigate into the cuase for the decrease?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The Government will look into the papers and see if an enquiry is needed, and, if so, ask the Excise Commissioner to make an enquiry.

Inspection Work of the Conservator of Forests.

279. MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Nedumangad*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Conservator of Forests inspected the records of the Divisional Forest Offices during 1098;

(*b*) whether any mistake or irregularity had been brought to light in the course of such inspection and any officer punished in consequence thereof;

(*c*) whether he visited the interior forests in 1098, and if so, the places and the number of days spent in each place; and

(*d*) the maximum distance from a motorable road which he has travelled and the name of the places inspected?

(2) Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table the notes of inspection drawn up by the Conservator while inspecting the interior forests in any three Forest Divisions?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (1) (*a*) The Conservator of Forests inspected three Divisional Forest Offices during 1098.

(*b*) It is reported that no serious mistake or irregularity was noticed during the inspections, that minor mistakes were noticed and that the usual steps were taken to rectify them.

(*c*) A statement * showing the names of places visited and the number of days spent in each place is laid on the table.

(*d*) Thirty-six miles. Cardamom Hills.

(2) The answer is in the negative.

Issue of a Proclamation re. Corruption of Officers.

280. MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Muvattupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to issue a Proclamation in this State also, similar to the one that has been recently issued in Hyderabad, for checking the corruption of Government officers?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The answer is in the negative.

Expenditure of Allotment for new Roads in Muvattupuzha Taluk.

281. MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Muvattupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to arrange for the whole amount sanctioned this year for opening new roads in the Muvattupuzha taluk being spent and the works completed before the close of the year?

* *Vide* appendix V—page 996.

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